

FROM ILARISSA.

to Have Been Pre-

—A special from Turkish army near says that Edhem's disorderly retreat of that he captured under and said: "It is, however, under abandoned a position of fortification." It is at the Turks would not the Greek of the arrival of the Albanian soldiers fled southward, leaving vast quantities of arms and ammunition. Edhem Pasha is in the hands of the Greeks and has been sent to all churches. All were humanely.

TITLE BILL.

se and Now Goes to error.

April 27.—The house passed the bill. It is an exact copy of the bill of two years ago except a provision which gives power to pass on a bill to be a judgment to be passed in the bill passed to the committee. The statute of from five years to the governor.

CABINET.

May Mean an Em-

—The fact that a held this morning in of Salisbury next day that matters consideration.

the Offensive.

—The Turkish forces advance at Metaxa and of Epirus. A bound for this port because of the gulf by was allowed to pro-

the Danger.

—A dispatch received here from Athens may at any moment and that the possession of the side that the worst is

ly Crowded.

—An extraordinary session of the assembly has been postponed to tomorrow. The opposition have been

the King.

—Great excitement here. Mr. Ralli, the and other prominent figures are expected to meet the throne.

ill Inevitable.

April 27.—The European views in re- of mediating between

is Recalled.

—A Constantinople has recalled Osman to avoid embarrassing

quarters Moved.

—The Turkish head- removed from Elasmis west by north

ter Resigned.

—An Athens special of the minister of marine has

is Prince.

—Prince Louis of Baden, died today.

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## A GREAT WATER WAVE.

### Sweeps Down Over Guthrie, Okla., Causing a Great Loss of Life.

### HUNDREDS OF ACRES ARE SUBMERGED.

#### The Wave, Which was Six Feet High, Followed by the Heaviest Rain of Years—A Total Rain-fall of Twelve Inches—Killed with Hail Stones.

Guthrie, Okla., April 28.—The heaviest rain for years fell throughout the territory last night and yesterday. The down-pour was for seven hours; all creeks are up to the danger point and some are out of their banks. A water spout near Watertown, this county, inundated half a dozen farms. Scores of farms in the vicinity of Clifton, Lincoln county, were swept of everything. Many cattle and horses were drowned. The total rainfall since Saturday noon was nearly twelve inches. It is still raining hard with a prospect of a continued heavy fall.

The terrible flood of the Cottonwood river suddenly engulfed West Guthrie shortly after sunrise this morning. There is reason to believe that fully a score were drowned. Hundreds were driven from their homes and many houses were swept away. Owing to intense excitement and the lack of boats particulars are yet unobtainable. Cottonwood river, scarcely more than forty feet wide ordinarily, winds many curves in West Guthrie which level with the valley of the river. The river is already full to overflowing from rains of the last few days but there was no alarm as the stream rose gradually. At 5 o'clock this morning it began to rise as if by magic and jumped up four feet in thirty minutes. The population is mostly colored. Many have begun removing their household goods to places of safety. Few had made more than one trip when they were forced to flee for their lives. The river was soon a raging sea half a mile wide and sweeping across the valley carrying houses and barns, fences on its crest. The main water works supply pipe where it crosses the Cottonwood in the southern part of the city burst, letting all the water in the reservoirs flow into the river. In the southwestern part of the city there is an arm of land formed by the widening of the river. On this land there lived several hundred negroes. During the night the bridge leading across to the city was swept away. The people are absorbed watching the rising waters this morning when the flood from the reservoirs came down in a solid wall, and cut across the arm of land near the main land, cutting off all escape. They fled from their homes to higher ground on the newly formed island. The river is thirty feet above the usual level at 9 o'clock this morning.

It is believed that there is great loss of life in that part of the city. Houses after houses were swept away and cows, horses and chickens soon dotted the waters in all directions. Men and women were seen in the houses beckoning for help. In many instances the water reached the eaves of the houses. An old negro woman was seen on a floating house, which overturned and she was lost. Many persons clambered onto trees. There are no boats so the men set about constructing rafts, but the terrible swiftness of the current of water made it impossible to manage rude crafts.

The Guthrie club quickly began building rafts. Three rafts with daring men on it sought to rescue an old man from a tree. The raft as it rushed down the river struck an overhanging limb and the raftsmen were knocked from their feet, but managed to stay on the raft which went whirling towards Cimarron. Nothing has been heard of them. Two men secured a small sternwheel pleasure boat and went to rescue a number of men and women who were lodged in trees and many were rescued. Many overturned houses are far out in the flood. It will be hours before the fate of the occupants can be learned. Many persons claim to have seen the persons drowned. Cimarron river is from one to two miles wide.

Another Report.

St. Louis, April 28.—A dispatch from Guthrie, Okla., at 6 o'clock this morning, says a great wave of water six feet high and a mile wide swept down the Cottonwood valley and struck the city with a deafening roar as the water crashed the houses and drove the people from their homes. At the first rush every boat and bridge was swept away. All west of Guthrie was submerged, and twenty business houses have ten feet of water in them. The river is thirty feet above the ordinary level. Hundreds of people are in the trees but cannot be helped. Several men trying to swim the current to reach four women and a baby in a tree were carried away. A woman wading from home with a baby on her head, was swept away and lost. It is believed that more than a score of negroes were drowned. In the negro settlements it is estimated that fully fifty lives were lost.

Nine people were seen drowned and two women and a child were carried away on a bridge; one man and two women were on a roof when it went to pieces. They perished and it was impossible to get their names. There are scores missing and many buildings are still going. Several girls in a peach tree after several hours finally gave up and fell into the water. Hundreds of men are building boats at the lumber yards. It is believed that many were caught in their beds in the smaller houses and drowned. The Big Cimarron bridge is gone. There is immense damage in the country. Skeleton Creek has washed away scores of farm houses and several were drowned.

Killed with Hail Stones.

St. Louis, April 28.—A San Luis Potosi, Mexico special says the Rio Verde valley was visited by a terrific storm ruining the growing crops and causing great loss of life. Reports have been received of the killing of forty-one persons by hail stones. On one hacienda alone twelve farm hands were killed. Some hail stones weighed over three pounds.

Guthrie Wires Broken.

Wichita, Kan., April 28.—At 1 o'clock the Western Union reported that all wire communication with Guthrie had been broken.

LOSS OF LIFE AT GUTHRIE.

Reports Put the Number at Two Hundred.

Guthrie, April 28.—Rumors of appalling loss of life as the result of the flood are constantly circulated, some placing the number of dead at from one to two hundred. There is no way of getting at the real extent of the catastrophe, now however. While it is believed the above estimate is exaggerated, the growing indications are that previous estimates of the dead have at least been conservative.

The waters had receded materially by noon. The financial loss is variously estimated, at from \$300,000 to \$500,000. The main residence and business portion of the city is unharmed. Among those known to be drowned are Mrs. Ella Dunham, six members of the Clemmons family, George W. Estes and Mrs. James Watt. Among the supposed perished are Mrs. James Montgomery, George Thornton, James Lillie, an unknown white man and wife, and child who just floated down the stream. The house upset and they were drowned. Of the six boats sent across the inundated district four were capsized.

AT KANSAS CITY.

Abilene and Salina: Swept by a Cyclone.

Kansas City, April 28.—At 10:30 this morning a cyclone swept between Abilene and Salina, doing immense damage. All of the telegraph wires on the main route to Denver are destroyed. The cyclone is supposed to be a continuation of the storm which resulted so disastrously in Oklahoma.

DEBOE ELECTED.

Republican United States Senator Elected To-Day in Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., April 28.—Deboe was elected United States senator this morning as predicted yesterday. The vote stood: Deboe, 71; Martin, 12; Stone, 1; Blackburn, 50. This ends a famous senatorial contest and one more to the number of Republican United States senators.

As soon as it was evident that Deboe was elected and the struggle which occupied the attention of two legislatures was at an end, a great hubbub broke out and continued till the legislature adjourned sine die.

Tariff Bill May Be Delayed.

Washington, April 28.—The Democratic members of the senate finance committee yesterday followed up their refusal of yesterday to allow the tariff bill to be reported direct to the senate with the announcement that they would expect to be given an opportunity for a thorough examination of all the schedules of the bill as amended before it is reported to the senate. They have already employed one expert, and will employ others to take up the bill in their behalf as soon as it is presented to them. They expect to be able to examine the bill sufficiently to permit it to go to the senate in about two weeks' time after they receive it.

There has been some talk among the Democratic senators of granting hearings by the full committee, but this proposition does not appear to have met with general favor. The Democratic members of the committee fear that insistence upon this course would be construed into a determination to delay the bill, which they insist is no part of their program. The decision of the Democratic members may have the effect of causing a postponement of the presentation of the bill beyond Thursday. Some of the Republican committeemen now say that they may not conclude their work before Monday morning, as there are still various matters which are not definitely decided, and which it becomes absolutely necessary to fix before going into the full committee. They are still working with the hope of presenting the bill Thursday, but are less hopeful than formerly.

The Republicans think they discover in the present attitude of their Democratic colleagues a disposition to delay the passage of the bill, which they had not previously counted upon, and are making their preparation for a long siege in the senate as well as in committee. Some of them express the fear that the bill will not become a law before the first of August.

Appleton May Be Lynched.

Tuscola, Ill., April 28.—From a letter of warning received from Aroka yesterday, Sheriff Bagley has been somewhat uneasy for the safety of William Appleton who is now in jail here for the murder of Scott Swartz, of that place. The sheriff has a guard at the jail, and should a party of lynchmen come from that city they would meet armed resistance. The feeling against Appleton is strong there.

The Danville Suicide.

Danville, Ill., April 28.—It was developed at the coroner's inquest over the man who ended last night by cutting his throat and then jumping off the bridge over the river, a hundred feet distant, was Richard Roe Lawrence, grandson of Richard Roe, the noted press manufacturer. The family is well known and are wealthy New Yorkers.

Killed in a Brooklyn Fire.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 28.—Four persons were killed in a Third avenue fire this morning. Mrs. John Newell, aged 85, and Mrs. Celia Barnett were suffocated; Mrs. Barnett threw her two children, aged 3 and 8, out of a window. They were so injured they died on after.

Performed an Operation.

Dr. T. B. Spalding assisted by his son, Dr. John Spalding performed a successful surgical operation yesterday on Mrs. J. Odell. The patient was suffering with an affection of the left leg, caused by the kick of a horse. About eight inches of decayed bone was removed today.

## THE GREEK RETREAT.

### The Story of the Retreat from Tyrnava as Told by Correspondents.

### THE RETREAT A DISGRACEFUL PANIC.

### Col. Manos Still Fighting on the Janina Line—Developments Today at the Front and in Athens.

London, April 28.—(Copyright by the Press Publishing Co.)—Whether the war will survive the dynasty for the dynasty the war is now the question agitating men's minds here. News of the hemming in and capitulation of the Greek army followed by a revolution at Athens is hourly expected.

Significant of the effect foretold by the Larissa stampede is the fall of the Hellenists in the house of commons. They are accused of having jiggled on Greece to her destruction in pure lightness of heart, while ministers, instead of covering before the threatened storm of public indignation, are regaining the public confidence in the belief that their course, if less heroic, was after all the wisest and the most humane.

Mr. Balfour has made it plain there will be no European intervention, unless at the invitation of either of the combatants. An appeal from Greece is regarded as highly improbable, but it is thought that the sultan may seek to rehabilitate himself further with Europe by placing himself in the hands of the powers in the full flush of victory.

No developments in Thessaly, Epirus or at sea are reported in yesterday's telegrams, but some interesting details are furnished as to the circumstances attending the Greek route. Vivid account is given of how, after days of commanding by Greek and Turkish batteries, the Ottoman general, under cover of ostensible artillery retreat, sent his infantry rapidly along the foot of the mountains toward the entrance of Temple Pass, occupied the village of Deloria just in time to forestall Col. Mavromichael, who was marching upon the place with two infantry columns and three squadrons of cavalry. Col. Mavromichael thereupon retreated, propitiously to Kritiri without firing a shot. Almost simultaneously the commander of Losaki heliographed Larissa that the Turks were making a circuitous movement to outflank his position, and that retreat would be out of unless he were immediately re-enforced. These two movements induced headquarters at Larissa to order a general retreat, which began about dark, in spite of the fact that several battalions and three field batteries, including that commanded by Prince Nicholas, could be seen just before sundown marching across the great plain from Tyrnavos to re-enforce the Greek army. This decision created consternation among the Greek troops, who were utterly bewildered at such a step in the hour of apparent victory. At first they turned, then broke into a sort of panic.

Owing to sinister rumors of Turkish invasion through Bogazi, whereby the retreat, it was said, was cut off, various regiments were scattered by companies over the battlefield when the order arrived, and as the latter was urgent the retreat became very disorderly. While the long file of troops, train carriages and pack mules moved along the highway from Tyrnavos to Larissa, there was a sudden about that the Turkish cavalry was approaching. This made single companies face about and before their officers could intervene to dispel the delusion they fired volleys of musketry into darkness behind them, killing two and wounding six of their comrades.

At Larissa all was in utter despair and confusion. Troops were arriving incessantly, and the streets were choked with ammunition trains, all bound for Pharsalia, where it had been decided to make a stand against the enemy as being an important strategic point. The inhabitants were leaving town on masses in long files and carts, with horses laden with family chattels, tottering aged men and women walking sadly behind, all bound for Pharsalia or Volo. It was a melancholy and heart-moving sight, indeed, for of course, these people who, seventeen years ago, were subject to Turks, entertained no delusion as to the fate that would await them and their belongings if they should fall into the hands of the advancing enemy. Loud were the anathemas lavished upon the miserable military leadership declared to be the cause of such terrible suffering among their own countrymen.

Comment in Paris.

Paris, April 28.—The Matin today declares that the supersession of Prince Constantine if made by Royal decree is equivalent to his renunciation of a right to the crown. Continuing the Matin asserts the replacing M. Delyannis, premier by M. Ralli, the opposition leader, will not serve to arrest the course of popular indignation against the royal family, adding that the ministerial crisis therefore only precedes the dynastic crisis by a few days.

## CIVIL SERVICE.

### Has Been Extended Until the Public Service in Some Cases is Impaired.

### DEATH OF MILLIKEN AND CILLEY.

### Gossip as to the Progress of the Committee on the Tariff Bill—Shoe Blacking as an Illustration.

Washington, April 28.—(From our regular correspondent.)—It is expected that President McKinley will shortly modify the civil service rules. He has had an extended conference with the civil service commission. Secretary Wilson stated before the senate sub-committee, which is investigating the workings of the civil service law and rules, that the present rules hampered him in selecting efficient scientific subordinates, and in a written communication, Secretary Gage expressed the opinion that a modification of the rules would be beneficial to his department.

Representative Dorr of West Virginia, has introduced a bill for the outright repeal of the civil service laws, and he declares his intention to do everything he possibly can to get the bill acted upon.

Nothing could better illustrate President McKinley's idea of the relations that should exist between the federal administration and the public than the official announcement of the selection of Judge Wm. R. Day of Canton, Ohio, to be first assistant secretary of state, and ex-Representative Bellamy Storer of Ohio, to be United States minister to Belgium, three days before their nominations were sent to the senate. President McKinley believes that as soon as anything has been determined upon, the people have a right to be informed of it, and acts accordingly.

Secretary Wilson is much pleased with the reception of his efforts to increase the culture of sugar beets in those sections of the country where the climate and soil seem to indicate success with this crop. So great has been the demand for the seeds that the large supply contracted for by Secretary Wilson when he first took charge of the agricultural department has been almost exhausted.

The death of Representative Milliken recalls the fact that no member of the Maine congressional delegation died in office before Mr. Milliken, since 1883, when Representative Jonathan P. Cilley of Maine was shot dead by Representative Graves of Kentucky, with whom he fought a duel.

Senator Allison, who is a member of the sub-committee engaged in going over the Dingley bill before it is reported to the full finance committee—by the way, this sub-committee is not taking any holiday either night or day this week—gave a caller a good idea of the manner in which the work of revision is being done, when he said: "Here is a letter from a manufacturer of blacking. How many ingredients do you suppose there are that enter into its manufacture? Well, more than a dozen. Some of these ingredients have been transferred from the free to the dutiable list. Some have had the rates increased and some decreased. Each article has a direct bearing on this man's business. He writes us that blacking is sold in packages of a certain size, which cannot well be varied; also that most of the blacking is imported from France, and that the industry in this country is in its infancy, but is making fair progress. If we retain the house rates on certain ingredients he mentions, he asks that we also make a small increase on blacking and suggests that it will be easier to do this than to change the rates on the dozen articles which enter into his product. His request does not seem unreasonable, does it, if the facts are as he states? Well, we have looked into the matter on every one of the ingredients mentioned and their bearing on his product, and find his statement correct. That is the way we are doing our work on the tariff bill, and I think it is better than to do this man an injustice and possibly give his business to the French manufacturers." The sub-committee expects to complete its work on the bill this week, and it is hoped that the bill can be reported to the senate next week.

Married.

William T. Meacham and Miss Sue E. Calne, both of Sullivan, were married at 1 o'clock afternoon at the parsonage of the First Presbyterian church by Rev. W. H. Penhalligon. A few friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Meacham left today for Sullivan where they will make their home. The groom is in the clothing business in that city.

## BATTLE WAGED AT PENTEPAGADIA.

### Turks Abandon the Entire Loureches Valley and Leave Route to Janina, Open.

### Athens, April 28.—Col. Manos telegraphed from Arta yesterday:

Fighting has been in progress at Pentepagadia since morning. The result is not known here. The Greek troops occupied strong positions in the pass.

Another engagement took place yesterday morning at Plakka, the result of which is not yet known, since the enemy retains his position, though the Greek artillery has inflicted great damage at the villages of Kalentzi and Portolai, where the Turks are concentrated.

The Turks left the route from Pentepagadia to Janina open. The Greek cavalry reconnoitered without encountering the enemy until about eight hours' ride from Pentepagadia, when they met 800 Turks, who fired on the Greeks without effect. The Turks have abandoned the entire Loureches Valley and the country around Souli. The situation at Preveza is satisfactory. The Turks appear to be much discouraged and their garrison has been diminished by wholesale desertions. We need reinforcements and mountain batteries. We have captured large quantities of ammunition, especially for artillery use, in the positions abandoned by the Turks.

## CAPTURED AT LARISSA.

### Report of the Bombardment of Karaburn Denied.

Constantinople, April 28.—The Turks captured sixty artillery caissons at Larissa and an additional large quantity of ammunition. An official Salonika dispatch says that in the engagement at Losakia the Greeks were compelled to retreat with a loss of 400 killed and many wounded. The report of the bombardment of Karaburn is denied. The Greek fleet only maneuvered in the vicinity but did not open fire.

King George Ready to Abdicate.

Athens, April 28.—King George is credited with a desire to abdicate in favor of his second son, Prince George.

## THE MOB.

### Foreigners in Athens Preparing for a Mob—Excitement is Increasing.

Athens, April 28.—(Bulletin.)—Public excitement increasing every hour today. Foreigners here are hoisting their national flags over the buildings inhabited by them. A popular outbreak is feared.

Better Feeling Now Prevails.

Athens, April 28.—Opposition of the deputies have issued an address to the people counseling maintenance of order, pointing out that the army of Greece was faring well with the enemy on Greek soil; that any attempt at disorder would be equivalent to assisting the Turks. This had an alarming effect. On the whole a better feeling prevails and there is little probability now of an dynastic crisis.

Hopes for Peace.

Paris, April 28.—It is semi-officially announced that negotiations between Paris, Rome and St. Petersburg with a view of attempting mediation between Turkey and Greece have been active, becoming more precise in form. It is hoped that an opportunity to mediate will arise before long. Germany and Austria are kept informed of the progress of the negotiations and do not disapprove.

Report Unfounded.

Athens, April 28.—The report that the king was compelled to sign a decree recalling Prince Constantine, is unfounded. The crown prince remains at the head of the army. The Greek troops at Epikure have been losing ground and have been obliged to retire to Laros.

Better Protection at Salonika.

Salonica, April 28.—Nine guns of large calibre have been mounted at Karaburn for better protection of this harbor and the people here have become calmer. Apprehensive of the attack of the Greek fleet is dying away.

Supposed Dead Man Revives.

Seymour, Ind., April 28.—Saturday John Waggoner, near Freetown, apparently died of old age. Physicians pronounced him dead. The undertaker came and prepared the body for burial. Relatives were telegraphed for and came to attend the funeral. Monday signs of life appeared, and when the hour for the funeral arrived he was talking with his friends and asking to have his funeral postponed. His son, who resides in Indianapolis, returned today for Sullivan where they will make their home. The groom is in the clothing business in that city.

Gold Shipment.

New York, April 28.—A million and a half of gold coin has been engaged for shipment tomorrow.

## OUR FRIENDS.

Who are our friends? Are they the crowd  
That throng our courts when joy and  
sorrow  
Light up with gloom a happy home,  
And gladness sparkles round the hearth,  
When life flows on, all tranquilly,  
As summer fountains to the sea,  
But when misfortune clouds our lot,  
And sorrow dims the languid eye,  
Will shun our dark, deserted home,  
And meeting pass us heedless by?  
These are our summer friends whose stay  
Is like the meteor's transient ray.  
But where are those, that faithful few,  
Who then seek out our low retreat,  
With generous hearts and liberal hands,  
Our wants and hopeless wishes meet?  
Our only friends are those who come  
When darkness gathers round our doom.  
Go, friend of man, seek the abode  
Of cold neglect and poverty,  
Build up the broken heart, and raise  
The head bowed down by misery.  
Give but a portion of your store,  
And God will bless the deed with more.  
—Mary B. Harlan, in N. Y. Ledger.

## MARGARET'S WALK.

BY CAMPBELL FENDELTON.

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The doctor's family was preparing for what Annette, the oldest girl and general manager of such things, called a sortie; that is, they were going to spend the day with friends in the country. She did not call it that aloud, however, out of deference to her city cousins who were visiting at her home. But she kept saying to herself: "The Assyrian came down like a wolf on the fold," and other appropriate quotations. She was not exactly out of temper; but there were so many of them, and Ned teased so, and the heat was so oppressive—and then, there was Margaret.

Margaret was seven years old, and a positive genius in the matter of absent-mindedness. With such good intentions that she disarmed resentment, she would do such awful things! The family were never quite at rest about her except when she was asleep, and even then anxiety did not entirely flee, for Margaret had a way of falling out of bed which distressed everybody but herself. She slept soundly on the hard floor wherever she happened to land, without covering, placidly catching her death of cold till some one picked her up and tucked her in again. They were always on the alert for her, and "Where's Margaret?" was a constant inquiry. If she started to visit her next-door playmate, she was liable to walk the whole length of the street; if she were sent, under some stress of circumstance, to do an errand, she usually brought up at the covered bridge at the end of the little town, only to come home and in a voice of contrition confess that she had forgotten what she had been sent for. Money intrusted to her was quickly re-

with strict orders not to leave it till called for. Her voluminous skirts lay out around her, above which her little hands were meekly folded while her little feet dangled helplessly below. Virtue fairly covered her as with a garment.

"There! 'Rare, pale Margaret, you look just like a rose-tint. Only sit still now, Miss Primrose, till Annette comes; then the procession will move, and we'll all be gay together. But after all," he continued, with reflective air, "I don't know where we can put you. Your clothes seem cut on the star fish pattern, and will never fit the inside a corset."

He scanned her with a perplexed manner, which changed to relief as he added: "We'll tie you on top of the carriage, and you can carry an umbrella and play you are a Begum riding on a pachyderm."

Ned's remarks never had "any sense to them," so his mother said; but, though Margaret rarely understood them, they always pleased her. She giggled with delight at his nonsense, then lapsed into a dream of what she would do when she got into the country.

She would go first to the "run"—she always went first to any water she could find—and then—she slipped unconsciously out of her chair. Her curious dominant imagination had her in thrall. She walked softly out of the yard and down the street, away and away in a fairy land of her own making, oblivious of everything else. Talking to all the while cheerfully and softly to her imaginary friends who went with her through this land of happy childish fancies, she kept on till finally she reached the bank of the muddy creek, which cut athwart the main street at the very edge of the town. Here she should have waked from her vision and paused. But the wonderful walking and talking doll, which was just then her dream companion, was absorbing all her attention. She walked right on—or, more strictly speaking, off.

A teamster on the bridge heard a faint cry and looking down saw a little figure, borne upon the water by its drapery, wildly clutching at the yielding yellow waves. It was but the work of a moment to spring from his wagon and into the stream.

"Why, it's the Doc's little girl!" he exclaimed as he brought the dripping child ashore. "By hokey! young'un, ye skinned yer teeth that time on a chance. Guess ye'd better let me put ye in the wagon and take ye home."

She was not really injured by her bath; but alas for the "dressed" hair and the dainty radiating petticoats!

While the family were holding anxious council in the yard as to where they should search next, there appeared a slim, forlorn little figure, with blank



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Doors open at 1 and 7 p. m.  
Performances at 2 and 8 p. m.

Notice of Change of Name.  
OFFICE OF CULVER ELECTRIC CO.,  
Des Moines, Iowa, April 28, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the  
stockholders of the Municipal Electric Co., held  
at Des Moines, Iowa, on the 25th day of January, 1897,  
the following resolution was adopted:  
"Resolved, That the name of the Municipal  
Electric Company be and the same is hereby  
changed to Culver Electric Co." and that the  
certificates of such change have been filed in  
the office of the Secretary of State and in the  
office of the recorder of deeds in the county of  
Iowa, as provided by law.

J. H. CULVER, President.  
F. H. CULVER, Secretary.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.  
Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every  
Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip.  
Tickets good going Saturday afternoon and re-  
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Winter Tourist Rates are now on to points  
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## Tailor Made Suit and Shirt Waist Season.

Ladies' Silk Shirt Waists in Japanese Wash Silks, at \$2.95 each.

Ladies' Silk Shirt Waists in Printed Foulard Silks, attached cuffs,  
detached collars, \$3.50 each.

Taffeta Silk Shirt Waists, fine quality silk, a great variety of colors,  
perfect fitting, with attached cuffs, detached collars, at \$4.50  
each.

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tures, Norfolk and Blazer Jacket, at \$5.00 suit.

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A nice line of Children's Cloth Dresses, skirt and jacket to match, for  
children from 4 to 14 years, \$3.50 to \$6.00 each.

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The Standard Designer, 10c per copy, 85c per year.

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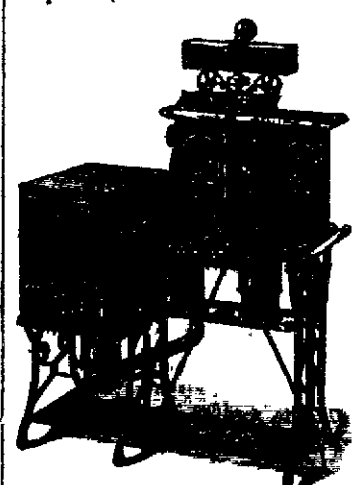
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bread, the whitest bread,  
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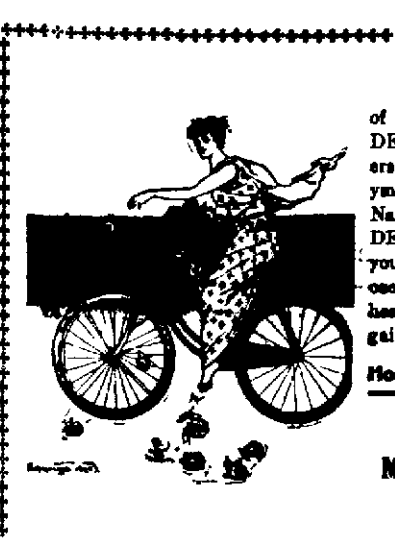
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Thirty-one years ago we opened an Exclusive  
in Decatur. Goods that we are now selling at  
Paper sold at that time for 25c, we now sell you  
Spring time brings demands for these articles  
stock of all grades, from Cotton Ingrains at 16c  
Axminsters. Our WALL PAPER from a con-  
the grades to the shagreened Brilliantines.  
No one trying to monopolize all branches ce-  
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Foulard Silks, attached cuffs,

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Suits, \$3.95 each.

Large, plain cloth and Scotch mix-  
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Suits, \$15.00 to \$30.00 each.

Skirts and jacket to match, for  
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## Boys' Long Pant Suits!

New and tasty styles in all  
the new plaids, checks and  
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At \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00,  
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DECATUR bicycle. April show-  
ers and May flowers are synon-  
ymous with the revivification of  
Nature in the spring time, but a  
DECATUR bicycle will revivify  
your physical being with the  
essence of Nature, and give you  
health and vitality that could be  
gained in no other way;

**Honest Bicycles at  
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**MOREHOUSE  
& WELLS CO.**

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**33 Cents on the Dollar!**

Thirty one years ago we opened an Exclusive Carpet and Wall Paper Store  
in Decatur. Goods that we are now selling at 65c were then sold at \$1.75. Wall  
Paper sold at that time for 25c, we now sell you at 15c.

Spring time brings demands for these articles, and you find us with a large  
stock of all grades, from Cotton Ingrains at 10c to the best Tapestry Body and  
Axminsters. Our WALL PAPER from a common brown at 4c up through all  
the grades to the charming Brilliances.

No one trying to monopolize all branches can or will do as well by you as we—  
dealing exclusively in these goods, giving our entire attention to style, coloring  
and quality, all things being equal.

Call and trade with us.

**Abel Carpet Wall Paper Co.**

## HAVE YOU TRIED CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES?

Sold Only at—  
"The Economy,"  
221 North Water Street.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Men's tan shoes, \$1.75 at Powers' shoe  
store.—33-1w

Go to Grass Wall Paper Painting com-  
pany for fine papers. 27-d1w

The Grand Opera House cigars made  
by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.  
26-5d1f

Go to Grass Wall Paper Painting com-  
pany and have your house painted. 27-d1w

The young men arrested at Argenta for  
causing a disturbance did not stand trial.  
Each pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$8  
and costs.

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and  
pressing take your clothing to Miller's.  
They are first-class practical dyers and  
dry cleaners, 145 North Main street.

If you are troubled with catarrh,  
asthma or headache, use the German  
medicator, a perfect cure. mar 16d1f

Irwin's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood  
and makes the weak strong.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes  
to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line.  
Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Irwin's celery compound is admitted to  
be the best, by all who have given it a  
trial.

The Peasants division of the Woman's  
club gave Miss Rose Elliott a send off  
party at the club house last night. It  
was a merry ghost party with a banquet  
and bright speeches.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria,  
two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at  
11:42 a. m.

Largest stock of paints, oils and var-  
nishes at lowest prices, 203 N. Water  
street. 27-d1w

If you want any plastering telephone  
588 new phone and it will be promptly  
done, Decatur Hard Plaster Co., Perry  
& Oren.—28-d1w-w1f

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds  
of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman  
fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed  
in bulk. No. 228 North Main street,  
Decatur & Culp.—1-d&w1f

The Democrats will meet in Decatur to-  
morrow and nominate three candidates  
for judge in the Sixth judicial circuit and  
one candidate for supreme judge in the  
Fourth supreme district.

Gents, now is the time to look up your  
spring suit of clothes or overcoat and have  
them re-dyed, cleaned or pressed in first-  
class style by people who are experts and  
practical dyers and cleaners at Miller's  
Steam Dyeing and Dry Cleaning establish-  
ment, 145 North Main street.

We guarantee the noted "Perfect"  
Baking Powder best or money back. It  
does lovely baking. 25c per lb. Saves  
one-half. Try it.

Munson. Springer. Allsup.  
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J. D. Smith has been appointed state  
deputy for the Royal Circle of Springfield,  
Ill., and can give good contracts to three  
first class fraternal insurance agents.  
Call at 104 East Prairie street, up stairs.

No better soft coal in this market than  
Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hard-  
est of any coal within 100 miles of Deca-  
tur and the harder the coal the longer it  
will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in  
stock at market price. Up town office,  
Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800  
North Broadway, old phone 483, new  
phone 485. M. F. Metz.—31-d1f

Sale of a Creamery.

The plant of the Warrensburg Butter  
and Cheese company, consisting of build-  
ing, engine and boiler, butter, cheese and  
feed mill machinery, will be sold on Sat-  
urday, May 1 at 10 o'clock to the highest  
bidder for cash or approved note bearing  
7 per cent interest from date, for one year.  
Building and parts of machinery will be  
sold separately if desired. Lot can also  
be bought or leased at reasonable terms.  
Sale at Warrensburg

C. W. French, Pres.  
—25-d1f E. J. Roberts, Auctioneer.

**ONLY \$1.20 For  
Hinkle's Best  
FLOUR.**

And guaranteed to be the best flour  
sold in the City of Decatur. All the  
leading grocers sell the best flour, and  
HINKLE'S BEST is the best flour  
made, and the following grocers sell it  
and guarantee it to be the best flour on  
the market. It has no equal.

Helman & Son.  
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Prentiss & Hephreth.

May Bros.  
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L. E. Kater.  
H. Meyer.  
McMahon & Fulton.  
T. C. Davis.  
I. N. Cool.  
Weckerman & Knapp.  
D. Armstrong.  
R. W. Davis.  
Bee Hive.  
T. T. Springer.  
C. Amelick.  
William Niedermeyer.

A reliable grocer will never offer a  
cheap or weak imitation of a genuine  
original article because he happens to be  
make a little extra profit. But it is well  
to observe that when genuine Postum  
Cereal coffee is ordered, that you get Post-  
um and not a spurious imitation offered  
as "just as good."

Good for Cysters.

A drink that is recommended to cyclists  
in England consists of eggs, milk and  
port wine. It is very easy of digestion.  
Milk and egg by itself tends to clog the  
throat, but the port wine appears to make  
it slip, while the substance contained in  
the drink need not be polished out.

### PRETTY "PINAFORE."

The Beautiful Nautical Comic Opera Given  
at the Grand by Home Singers.

There was a large and enthusiastic audi-  
ence at the Grand to witness the pro-  
duction of the nautical comic opera,  
"Pinafore," presented by all home sing-  
ers for the benefit of the Woman's Re-  
lief Corps, and all present were very agree-  
ably surprised by the superiority of the  
entertainment. The principal parts were  
all well placed and sustained as cleverly  
as if the singers had been on the road all  
season. In action, gettues, "costuming  
and grouping, the performance was  
smooth throughout, while the solos, quar-  
tets, duets, trios and choruses were all cap-  
tivating. No one could have excelled  
Mr. Bunn as Ralph. In vocalizing and  
action he was a typical British seaman,  
and Mrs. Bunn was a modest and capti-  
vating Josephine. She has often appeared  
in public and never appeared to a better  
advantage. Both were enthusiastically  
applauded as was also George Dunston as  
Sir Joseph Porter, who sang effectively  
and was costumed appropriately and eleg-  
antly. Miss Harwood's Hebe was pic-  
turesque, pleasing, enchanting. Miss  
Trainer's Buttercup called for clever  
work in singing and stage business, but  
she was equal to the part, investing it  
with all the requirements. Like all of  
the feminine participants she was hand-  
some and chic and was one of the favor-  
ites. Mabel Boettger as Little Tom  
Tucker, had a thinking part, but she came  
out in the choruses while she did her best  
to keep out of the way of Dick Deadeye.  
The Captain Corcoran of J. H. Alexander  
was faultless. In the first act he was pre-  
sented with a floral wreath. John Patin  
was a lusty boatswain, his splendid bar-  
itone voice swelling the choruses. He  
spoke his lines with dramatic force and  
won general commendation. C. N.  
Brown's Dick Deadeye was a picture in  
make-up and action. He failed to ob-  
scure his identity. Budge demonstrated  
that there were other pebbles on the beach  
and in his singing and in dancing the  
sailor's hornpipe he divided the honors  
with Sir Joseph and the rest.

The orchestration could not have been  
better. It was spirited and effective  
throughout and added greatly to the suc-  
cessful production of the tuneful opera.  
Prof. F. W. Westhoff was the musical di-  
rector, who was tireless in the rehearsal  
of the singers; J. H. Alexander was the  
stage manager and C. H. Kessler, pianist.

The cast  
The cast of characters was as follows:—  
The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, C. G. B.,  
First Lord of the Admiralty, George Dunston.  
Captain Corcoran, commanding H. M. S.  
Pinafore, J. H. Alexander.  
Ralph Rackstraw, able seaman, F. E. Bunn.  
Dick Deadeye, able seaman, C. N. Brown.  
Bill Roberts, boatswain, J. L. Parle.  
Bob Becket, boatswain's mate, Fred E. Mann.  
Tom Tucker, midshipman, Mabel Boettger.  
Bargeant of Marines  
Josephine, captain's daughter, Mrs. F. E. Bunn.  
Hebe, Sir Joseph's first cousin, Mae Harwood.  
Little Buttercup, a Portsmouth humbug  
woman, Mrs. C. N. Brown.  
Lords, Sailors, and Others.

In the Chorus.  
Those in the chorus were the following:  
Soprano—Kate Hegarty, Jennie Knox,  
Mrs. W. A. Boettger, Meta Downing,  
Ella Bessy, Estella Williams.

Altos—Mary Tolladay, Nell Keeler,  
Joelle Stevenson, Mary Keeler.

Tenors—J. E. Osborn, W. A. Boettger,  
E. H. Alexander, J. W. Starling, Ralph  
Dickinson.

Bass—Will J. Brown, C. G. Auer, C.  
M. Richardson, A. E. Park, J. Keith,  
Fred Mann.

At the close of the performance many  
pronounced it one of the very best home  
entertainments ever given in the city. It  
ought to be repeated at an early date.

**BRAINY QUESTS**

Frequently Have Trouble with What is  
Found on Fashicable Tables.

It has been discovered by some of the  
society ladies in some of the larger cities  
that a number of the most esteemed  
guests at their "functions" are more or  
less disagreeably affected by coffee, this  
fact being particularly observable among  
the brilliant and brainy ones. To meet  
the want of coffee (and with whom the  
subtle beverage does not agree, Postum,  
the health coffee, has been quite largely  
introduced in fashionable quarters. This  
is a singularly appetizing drink made  
from cereals (wheat, etc.) by the Post-  
um Cereal Co., Limited, Battle Creek,  
Mich., which incidentally looks and  
smells like fine coffee, but instead of pro-  
ducing the unpleasant disturbances with  
the digestive organs, as coffee does in  
numberless cases, it agrees perfectly with  
the weakest stomach and is nourishing  
and fattening, being made wholly from  
pure grains. It can be served strong as  
an after dinner coffee with perfect suc-  
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the drink need not be polished out.

The real secret of riding a bicycle safely  
on a crowded street is to ride slowly, so  
that your watchfulness, and to  
keep a distance of from three to six yards  
behind the vehicle you are following. A  
sudden rider can stop and dismount, or  
jump at a moment's notice. The fast  
rider cannot do it with safety or quickly.

Although eighty-seven years of age it is  
not too late for Luther B. Marsh, the  
noted spiritualist of Des Moines fame to  
enjoin the army of cyclists. Mr. Marsh  
has just mastered the wheel and at his  
home in Middletown, N. Y., he may be  
seen nearly every pleasant day rolling  
carefully over the fine macadam roads on  
his Crescent. It can be said without fear  
of contradiction that Mr. Marsh is the  
oldest bicycle rider in America.

The czar of all the Russians is some-  
thing of a trick rider since he has culti-  
vated the art of marksmanship while  
mounted on his bicycle. The weapon he  
uses is a small, light rifle, something  
after the pattern of a rock rifle, but pos-  
sessing a far greater carrying power. He  
is able to raise this to his shoulder with  
one hand while steering and shoot with  
great proficiency.

**THE BIG SHOW.**

Walter L. Main's Real Roman Hippo-  
drome.

Connected with the Walter L. Main  
great railroad shows, three-ring, circus,  
five continent menagerie and "trained" wild  
beast show, there is in all probability the  
grandest and greatest hippodrome ever  
seen, on any eclipse since Rome exploited  
the first. Scores of fearless horsemen and  
horsewomen and teams of horses, blooded  
and in their prime. Arabian and Ken-  
tucky thoroughbreds, fleet of foot, sleek  
and handsome. There are Roman, stand-  
ing and chariot races—two and four  
horses. There are steep chases, hurdle  
races, flat, trotting, racking and running  
races. There are pig and pole, sack and  
wheelbarrow man and horse, whippet dog,  
Indian vs Indian pony, opotele, pony  
and monkey, crown, mule and goat races,  
elephant and camel, deer and bound,  
man vs man and woman vs woman races.

In a word, all kinds of races ever run will  
be duplicated and many novel ones intro-  
duced at Walter L. Main's big circus here  
tomorrow.

**Had a Fight.**

There was a little free-for-all fight at  
noon yesterday at the corner of Franklin  
and Main street. Nell Thomas a colored  
woman and Hart Dunham a white man  
were in a buggy together. The Thomas  
woman and Mrs. Brummell, a colored  
woman got into a quarrel and some oth-  
ers took part. Ren Howard, a negro,  
fought the Dunham man and in the mix-  
up the Thomas woman was struck on the  
head. Before the affair had been satis-  
factorily ended the patrol wagon was  
called. The participants in the fight,  
however, managed to make their escape.

**Mr. Pullman, Jr., a Communionist.**

Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour, bishop of  
Springfield, officiated at the rite of com-  
munion in the chapel of St. John the Bap-  
tist at Elkhardt. The communionists were  
George M. Pullman, jr., of Chicago, and  
John Dean Hill of Lincoln. Rector H.  
W. Cunningham, secretary of the diocese,  
presented the candidates and Richard J.  
Oglesby, jr., presided at the organ. The  
chapel was erected as a memorial to the  
late John D. Gillett and is near Ogle-  
hurst, the home of his daughter, Mrs. R.  
J. Oglesby.

**More P. O. Changes.**

Illinois—Broadwell, Logan county, D.  
L. Thompson, vice Simon Koons, removed;  
Groves City, Christian county, A. D.  
Eonaley, vice R. M. Nee, removed;  
Mount Auburn, Christian county, J. M.  
Lindley, vice L. N. Smith, removed,  
Sallabury, Sangamon county, G. R. Har-  
rison, vice F. D. Burkett, removed;  
Sweetwater, Menard county, Adam  
Sharp, vice Levi Propst, removed.

Congressman Connolly is to be com-  
mended for the diligence he shows in se-  
curing these changes so promptly.

**Fire Tuesday Morning.**

A four-room house at No. 736 East  
Division street was entirely destroyed by  
fire at about 5 o'clock Tuesday morning.  
It was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ford.  
The family has been away on a visit for  
several days and the fact that the house  
was on fire was discovered by some of the  
neighbors. An alarm was sent in but  
when the firemen arrived the place was in  
flames and it was impossible to save any-  
thing. The house and everything in it  
was destroyed.

**Memorial Day Speaker.**

At the regular meeting of Dunham  
Post No. 141, G. A. R., held last night,  
the committee previously appointed for  
that purpose reported that they had se-  
lected Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, pastor of  
the First Presbyterian church to deliver  
the address on Memorial Day. The re-  
port was adopted unanimously.

**An Agent Transferred.**

E. J. Kemp, Illinois Central agent at  
Marion, has been transferred to the same  
position at Pons, which is equivalent to a  
promotion with increase of salary. The  
change will be made Monday. Kemp  
has been the agent at Marion for eighteen  
months. He is succeeded there by C. C.  
Backus of Dixon.

**Will Meet in Decatur.**

The next state meeting of the Illinois  
division of the Travelers' Protective as-  
sociation will be held in Decatur. There  
are 1418 members of the association. The  
total receipts for the past year were \$14,-  
979; balance on hand April 1, \$648.  
There is \$1450 in the hospital fund.

**Card of Thanks.**

The children of the late Mrs. Louisa  
Hickie desire to express their heartfelt  
thanks to the neighbors and friends who  
so kindly assisted them in the bereave-  
ment of their dearly beloved mother.

Fig Syrup, 35c a bottle at Irwin's.

**GRAND ARMY AT GALESBURG**  
Preparations for the Department Camp-  
ment to be held May 5 or 6.

The preparations for the Illinois en-  
campment of the Grand Army of the Re-  
public at Galesburg, May 5 and 6, are  
about completed, and it is believed that  
the encampment will be the most largely  
attended of any in this state. There will  
be represented not only the Grand Army  
comrades, but also the Women's Relief  
Corps, the ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons  
of Veterans and the Daughters of Veter-  
ans and all these five organizations will  
hold their annual meetings simultane-  
ously. The G. A. R. will meet in the audi-  
torium; the W. R. C. in the Presbyterian  
church; the Sons of Veterans in the cir-  
cuit court room at the court house; the  
ladies of the G. A. R. in the Baptist  
church. The places of the meetings are  
the finest in the city and will be elabo-  
rately decorated. The number of G. A.  
R. delegates to be present is nearly 1800;  
of the W. R. C. about 350; of the ladies of  
the G. A. R., 300, and of Sons of Veter-  
ans about 300. In addition large num-  
bers who are not delegates to any of these  
meetings will be present, and it is ex-  
pected that not less than 15,000 to 20,000 peo-  
ple, representing all parts of the state,  
will be there.

Interest attaches to this convention,  
owing to the steady decrease in mem-  
bership of the G. A. R. in recent years  
from death and the conviction among the sol-  
diers that they have not many more en-  
campments to attend. The membership  
is now 26,000; the number of posts in the  
state is 580; the number of W. R. C.  
members is 9000. The Sons of Veterans  
is increasing in membership. Of the  
Daughters of Veterans there are but few  
left in Illinois, and an attempt will be  
made here to arrange for pushing the or-  
ganizing of new tents.

For two months the people of Galesburg  
have been busy preparing for the encamp-  
ment, and are now prepared to give the  
comrades a cordial greeting and to enter-  
tain them royally.

Tuesday, the 4th, will be largely de-  
voted to a reception of the members. That  
afternoon Department Commander W. G.  
Cochran will call together the council of  
administration for a final meeting. The  
encampment opens in the Auditorium at  
9 o'clock Wednesday morning, the 5th.

Mayor Forrest F. Cooke, himself an old  
comrade, will deliver the address of wel-  
come, and Commander Cochran will re-  
spond. The encampment then goes into  
executive session.

The parade takes place at 1:30 o'clock  
that afternoon, and will be in charge of  
Captain T. L. McGirr of the Illinois na-  
tional guard, assisted by Lieutenant W.  
S. Phillips, United States army, and a  
large number of mounted aids. Depart-  
ment Commander Cochran will march  
on foot at the head of the column. Spe-  
cial features of the line will be the Knox  
College cadets, the high school company  
of 150 boys, provided with rifles, the St.  
Alban cadets, the Quincy home veterans,  
the normal home children, the militia  
companies of Galesburg, Mountbush, Ster-  
ling, Rock Island and perhaps other  
cities; the numerous bands, and last, but  
not least, the Grand Army comrades and  
other veterans. The line of march is two  
miles long. In the principal school yard  
a large body of school children will wave  
flags and sing patriotic songs.

General John S. Clark, commander-  
in-chief of the Grand Army of the Repub-  
lic of the United States, arrives Wednes-  
day morning, and that afternoon delivers  
the address of the encampment.

Wednesday evening will be given over  
to camp fires at the Auditorium and the  
Presbyterian church, and to the receptions  
by the W. R. C. at the Union hotel and  
by the ladies of the G. A. R. in the pa-  
rors of the Baptist church. Thursday  
will be consumed by the routine busi-  
ness, and the sessions will close in time  
for the members to take the afternoon  
trains home.

Considerable interest is being manifest-  
ed over the selection of the next depart-  
ment commander. The leading candi-  
date at present is A. L. Schimpff of Peo-  
ria. He will come with a delegation 700  
to 800 strong and Spencer's band.  
Schimpff is popular in G. A. R. circles.  
General P. C. Hayes of Joliet, is also  
mentioned as a candidate. Streator and  
Springfield are contestants for the next  
meeting.

**Garden Seeds.**

Just received a large stock of all kinds  
of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden  
seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s—  
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DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.  
Goods Clearance.

Prices on strictly high class goods than we quoted before. We're moving our Spring stock at the reason. It's early yet to talk of sales, but THE BIG STORE sets the pace. By taking advantage of this great Dress movement.

The balance of our 25, 29 and 35c Fancies in Wool, Mohair and Wool, etc., to close, 19c

Our large and varied assortment of Mixtures, Checks and Silk and Wooleffects, worth up to 45c. To close. 29c

40 inch heavy Mixtures, for Bicycle and Outing Suits. This week. 49c

20 pieces of black figured Fancies, 46 inches wide. These goods earlier in the season sold at 65c yd. This week, yd. 44c

**LYNN AND SCRUGGS**  
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

**Boy's Hosiery.**  
For this week—50 dozen Boy's Boy's hose, the regular 25c kind, at a pair. 17c

**Ladies' Underwear.**  
50 dozen Ladies' ribbed Vests, tape arm and neck fine gauge Regular price 10c, this week each 7c

**Foster Kid Gloves**  
Unusual Offer.  
10 dozen Genuine Foster Kid Gloves, broken sizes, in black, brown and mde. These gloves always sell for \$1.00. 63c

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Carpets at a Lower Price. We also weave Rugs from old Carpet. Can weave one-half yard to wide.

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Fine Wines and Liquors.

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Today and continues from day to day.

Ladies especially are invited to attend this sale. Three auction sales daily:—10:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Private sale all day. Be on hand early if you wish to get in.

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**Shirt Waists and Corsets.**

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**H. C. Anthony**  
DECATUR, ILL.

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The Board was called to order by the County Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Draper Mr. May was chosen temporary chairman.

On motion of Mr. Stoy the chairman appointed a committee of three on credentials.

Supervisors Draper, Davidson and Bean were chosen.

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The committee on credentials made the following report, which was approved on motion of Mr. Davidson:

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**TO THE SOUTH.**

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Mr. Kipp moved the above names as read be declared the grand jurors for the June term, and if any of the gentlemen named would be unable to serve from any cause, that the supervisor of their respective townships should name a substitute. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Orr the Clerk was instructed to issue county orders for the per diem and mileage of the members of the county Board for the ensuing year without further orders from the Board.

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A communication from the Sisters of St. Mary's hospital asking help in caring for Josephine Brummick, who is helpless, was referred to the incoming committee on paupers. The sisters stated that they used to get \$1 a week from the county for caring for the girl.

A communication from twenty-five citizens of Niantic saying H. C. Clark, an epileptic, was helpless and unable to care for himself, was referred to Supervisor Graves of that township with power to act.

On motion of Mr. Kipp the Board adjourned until the second Tuesday in June, at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

J. M. Donn, Clerk.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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A Mrs. Platt near Monticello, was a candidate for school director against her own husband and received all but two of the votes cast.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.  
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

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California via New Orleans. Pullman buffet sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from Chicago, connecting with the Southern Pacific's "Sunset Limited" for Los Angeles and San Francisco. Pullman tourist sleeper every Wednesday, through without change from Chicago to San Francisco.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

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Winter tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal winter resorts in the south and southeast.

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For rates, time of train, etc., address J. C. Millenbaugh, T. P. A., or W. L. Smith, ticket agent, Union Depot, Decatur, Ill. Telephone 579.

**Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.**  
Jan 24-d&wt

**At JOHNSTON'S**  
Wednesday's Special Sale.

**Shirt Waists.**  
A special Waist with separate collar and cuffs at 49c, worth 75c.

**Capes.**  
All our Capes to be closed out regardless of cost.  
\$5.00 Capes at \$3.50.  
\$3.50 Capes at \$2.43.

**Skirts.**  
25 Assorted Patterns Dress Skirts worth \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.00 on sale at \$1.95 each.

**Shoes.**  
Ladies' Oxford Shoes, the \$1.50 quality at 98c, in Tans, Blacks and Ox Bloods.

We do Dress Making of all kinds, Cape Making and Skirt Making.

**Muslin Underwear.**  
\$1.50 quality Gowns at only 98c.  
75c quality Drawers at 49c.  
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**Dress Goods.**  
All our 60c, 65c and 75c quality of New Spring Dress Goods to be sold at 39c and 48c yd.

**Bargains.**  
Ladies' Vests, taped necks, at 5c.  
Ladies' Dark Calico Unlaundered Waists at 15c.  
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of all kinds, colors, shapes, and prices. NEW SPRING HATS that will fit both your head and purse.

The "Cuban" and "Gcisha"  
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A new, complete and exceptionally well assorted line of attire for little fellows from 3 to 8, made up in Juniors, Vestee, Sailor and Reefer style, of all the new fabrics, running in price

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This department of ours appeals particularly to mothers, and is entitled to their earnest consideration.

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**New Novelties in MEN'S SUITS.**

The RIGHT kind. Right in fit, in material, in style, in general make-up, but particularly right in PRICE. We are showing an exceedingly swell line of Spring Shirts and Neckwear. We will appreciate a call.

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In all the latest colors at \$8.00 and \$10. All wool.

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\$10, \$12, \$14 and \$15. Well worth 20 per cent. more.

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In Sack and Frock for \$10. Others will not match the same for less than \$12.

### Men's Blue and Black Cheviot Suits.

\$8.00 to \$15. Very Dressy, well made and trimmed.

### Men's Spring OVERCOATS.

In Cover and English Whipcord; in Box Coat, Tailor made garment, \$10, \$12, \$15 \$18. GOING FAST.

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14 to 19 years, in all the latest styles and patterns, \$4.00 to \$12.00. You cannot match them for the price.

### Boys' Knee Pants Suits.

THAT FIT—Stylish made —\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50—

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Vest Styles, Juniors, in all the latest styles. PRICE BEDROCK.

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Two manufacturers sat before the big fireplace of a Chicago hotel recently, and as they enjoyed their post-prandial cigars and stretched their legs toward the fire exchanged ideas on business, touched upon general topics, and finally drifted into a discussion of the city itself.

Said A: "A man has a right to be proud of Chicago. It's the coming center of American life. We have everything here—great manufacturing, fine parks, immense interests of all kinds."

"True," said B, "and there is an additional source of pride among us that a vast majority overlook."

"And that is—"

"Our junk shops."

A received this information with so derisive a laugh that B turned in his leather chair, and said: "Friend A, I was only half in earnest when I spoke, but I mean it just the same; and to prove my words I will tell you what I will do. I'll wager \$25 that you cannot come with me now to a junkshop I know of in this city and ask for any three things that a man might reasonably want and not be at once supplied from the stock on hand."

"Done," said A promptly, and they at once got into their overcoats and started out on the quest.

At a little dilapidated store on Clark street B paused with his hand on the latch. "All ready?" he asked, tentatively.

"All ready," returned A. "I have been endgelling my brains on the way down here and I count that money won."

Behind a counter heaped with knick-nacks of almost every description stood a little weazen-faced man in a blue waistcoat and roundabout, who smiled cheerfully on the men as they entered and remarked brightly upon the coolness of the weather. "And what is it to be to-night, gentlemen?" he inquired with professional brevity.

"I am in search of a Rose Noble of the time of Henry VIII," said A. "Have you any in stock?"

"Ah, how fortunate! Only one. But here it is, and I don't believe you could find another in town."

"Thanks," said A, "but I am not through yet. Just give me a nose-peg of a Zambesi warrior. I need one to complete my Indian cabinet."

"With pleasure, sir. Anthropology is my specialty. Would you like a triangle or the ordinary ring?"

"The regular thing will do me," this rather curtly. "But I have to trouble you once more."

A drew himself up for the final effort, shot a side glance at smiling B, and said, slowly: "Be good enough to show me a second-hand altar cloth."

B trembled for his \$25 and turned in alarm to the junk dealer. The little man was somewhere under the counter searching among the debris that filled the room.

"With lace upon it or plain velvet or plush? Here is a beauty with lilies of the valley in silk, and here is a French cloth worked with golden fleur de lis. Have you any preference?"

"None whatever," returned A dryly. "Here is your money, but you may keep the goods. I have reward enough in confirming a former suspicion that my friend is an authority on junk-shops."—Chicago Tribune.

### BUDA-PESTH.

The Picturesque and Lively Yankee City of the Old World.

Buda-Pesth, as everybody knows, is formed of two cities, separated by the Danube and joined together like New York and Brooklyn by great bridges. Buda is a city hundreds of years old and rises on a great hill covered with yellow houses with red-tiled roofs and surrounded by fortresses and ancient German-looking castles and the palace of the king, with terraces of marble and green gardens running down to meet the river. It still is a picturesque fortified city of the middle ages.

Pesth, just across the way, is the most modern city in Europe—more modern than Paris, better paved and better lighted, with better facilities for rapid transit than New York and with houses of parliament as massive and impressive as those on the banks of the Thames and not unlike them in appearance. Pesth is the Yankee city of the old world, just as Hungary is called the Americans of Europe. It has grown rapidly in 40 years, and it has sacrificed neither beauty of space nor line in growing. It has magnificent public gardens, as well as a complete fire department; it has the best club in the world, the Park club, and it has found time to put electric tramways underground and to rear monuments to poets, orators and patriots above ground.

People in Berlin and Vienna tell you that some day all of these things will disappear and go to pieces, that Pesth is enjoying a "boom," and that the boom will pass and leave only the buildings and electric plants and the car tracks, with no money in the treasury to make the wheels go round.

I do not know whether this is or is not to be, but let us hope it is only the envy and uncharitableness of the mind that sees nothing in progress but disaster and makes advancement spell ruin. People who live in a city where one is asked to show a passport, a certificate of good health, a police permit and a residence card in order to be allowed to mount a bicycle, as I was asked to do in Berlin, can hardly be expected to look with favor on their restless, ambitious young neighbors of the Balkans.

—Scribner's.

### Not Counseling.

Tubby—My dear, if I should die, how long would you wear mourning for me?

Wife—O, John, I don't want to think of such a thing.

Hubby—You dear little darling! You don't like to think of my death, eh?

Wife—Well, I don't like to think of mourning. Black isn't becoming to me.

—N. Y. Truth.

### Condensed Testimony.

Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by la grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mr. Hemming, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, always keeps it on hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. At West's drug store.

A Mrs. Platt near Monticello, was a candidate for school director against her own husband and received all but two of the votes cast.

### A Life for 50c.

Many people have been cured of Kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A new weekly paper called The Black Eye has been started at Mason City. It is "devoted to free silver, free trade and free whisky," and is edited by J. A. O'Neill.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Buds will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The three young tramps who looted the house of G. Barrieklow, a farmer living near Arcola, have been indicted by the Douglas county grand jury and are in jail.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Springfield Monitor says that Supt. Ingalls is sufficiently recovered from his recent attack to be able to drive out, and will soon go to a sanitarium in Kenosha, Wis., for further treatment.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors, but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The grand jury of Douglas county have made a report concerning the new jail, built only three years ago at a cost of \$19,000. They declare it unsafe and insecure and that a better one could have been built for \$4000.

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Farmers City Journal: The Saybrook people are talking for electric light. They are figuring on the cost of constructing a waterfall at the Sangamon river to furnish power for a plant.

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the longest standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Maroa Dry Goods company, consisting of J. Crocker, C. Sigler and C. W. Street, has been organized and opened up in Maroa with a stock of dry goods, clothing and general merchandise.

### A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The presses at the Tiffany pressed brick works at Mokena have been shut down indefinitely, the stock of brick on hand being large enough to meet the expected demand for some time to come. Fifteen or twenty employees have been laid off as a consequence.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Buds, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

At a meeting of the Gilman city council the special assessment bonds were sold to Trowbridge & Co., of Chicago, who take them at 7 per cent commission, one per cent more than was to be paid to Mason, Lewis & Co., with whom the deal fell through.

PERSONAL—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Among the relics placed in the corner stone of DeWitt county's new court house was a plug of tobacco found among the rafters of the old court house. It doubtless had been lost there by the carpenters who erected the building.

### A Season of Hope.

To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Not only acute lung troubles, which may prove fatal in a few days, but old chronic coughs and throat troubles may receive immediate relief and be permanently cured by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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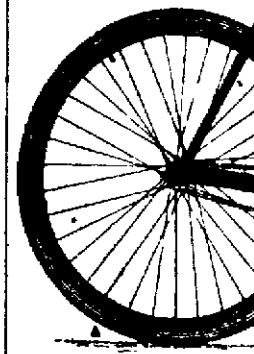
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### LIVING MUMMY IN PARIS.

French Physicians Examine an Extraordinary Creature.

The Academy of Medicine in Paris is just now studying one of the most extraordinary human beings who have ever been born into this world, says the New York Herald. He is known as the man mummy, and one glance at his ghastly face and body shows that he deserves the title.

This phenomenal being is named Castagna, and, according to the civil register of Paris, he is now 28 years old. He is about four feet high and weighs only 43 pounds. Even with his clothes on he is a most singular looking object—a veritable lusus nature. His forehead is large, and over it is stretched a thick covering of parchment-like skin. His eyes, the muscles of which are atrophied, are quite round and are wide open, like the eyes of night birds. His nose, too, reminds one of such birds, for not only is it entirely without flesh, but it is also curved in the form of a beak, drooping in this fashion over a mouth in which the teeth can always be seen, set together as though in a grimace. Altogether the head and face are so uncanny and so horrible that it is impossible to set down anything like a vivid description of them on paper.

His arms and legs are inconceivably thin and slender. Bones and nerves are pressing close against each other, and the tight skin holds them together as though it were a sheath of India rubber. The whole body, is, indeed, a miracle of frailness and meagerness, and the wonder is that a good puff of wind does not blow it away.

### SHARK HOOKS.

Fitted with a Length of Stout Chain That the Shark Can't Bite Through.

Shark hooks are made in various sizes, ranging in length from five inches to 14 inches, and in width from 1 1/2 inches to 3 1/2 inches. They are provided with a chain and swivel, the chain of the various sized hooks ranging from 10 1/2 inches to 22 inches in length. Shark hooks with chains sell from 50 cents to two dollars, says the New York Sun.

Shark skin and shark oil are utilized for some purposes, and in Mediterranean countries young sharks are eaten, but the catching of sharks for profit is mostly confined to Europe. Here they are taken mainly for sport. Every coasting vessel is likely to carry a shark fishing outfit, and every fisherman is sure to, and shark tackle is often carried on yachts. Fishermen may catch sharks to get them out of the way so that they will no longer pursue and disturb the fish. On a coast where they run across sharks the men are likely to fish for them just for fun; and shark fishing from the yacht would also be a diversion. It may be that in shark fishing from a yacht the owner will try his skill on the shark with a rifle, killing it before it is hauled aboard.

Sharks are sometimes mounted by the taxidermist as show pieces for exhibition purposes, but they are never mounted whole as trophies. Occasionally a sportsman or a sailor brings in to be mounted a shark's jaws.

### SEEING AND BELIEVING.

Some of the Tricks the Eyes Play on the Understanding.

It is an old and wise saying that "seeing is believing," yet everybody knows that very often what you see, and therefore believe, proves to be not really true at all. As we grow older, says a writer in St. Nicholas, finding that our eyes have so frequently deceived us, we are often not satisfied until we have verified it by touch or smell or hearing or taste, or by looking at some doubtful thing from different points of view, or under a different lighting.

We are not willing to believe that a conjurer actually draws rabbits from a man's ear or coin from the tip of his nose just because our eyes tell us such tales. Sometimes our deceptions are so subtle that things must be made







